

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough review of the present application, and respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the following remarks.

Rejections under Obviousness-type Double Patenting

Claims 1-12 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-13 of commonly owned US Patent No. 7,664,074. In response, a terminal disclaimer is being filed concurrently herewith. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested. It is to be noted that the filing of the attached Terminal Disclaimer is not an admission of the propriety of the Examiner's rejection.

Conclusion

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-12 should be allowed as indicated by the Examiner. Early and favorable indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicants' attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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